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Response to Director, USIA for DCI's Signature

FROM

Chief, Executive & Planning Staff,
FBIS

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FBIS-0281/86

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28 August 1986

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The attached letter has
been coordinated with D/SOVA,
NIO/USSR-EE, D/PAO, and C/PPS.

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Response to Director, USIA

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James V. Hirsch
Acting Deputy Director for Science
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Central Intelligence Agency

Washington, D.C. 20505

5 SEP 1986

The Honorable Charles Z. Wick
Director, United States
Information Agency
Washington, D.C. 20547

Dear Charlie:

Congratulations on your Television and Film Service's achievement in receiving Soviet television transmissions. We know firsthand of the effort that went into such an accomplishment. As I am sure you are aware, our Headquarters offices, in conjunction with the Foreign Broadcast Information Service, began to receive foreign television via satellite aided by a dish installed at Langley in 1985.

We have found the acquisition of real-time foreign television to be a decided asset; Gorizont, in particular, has been one of our success stories.

Thank you for forwarding your sample tape. Our analysts found it interesting and potentially valuable. Molniya's emphasis on human interest stories and cultural events complements the political and economic news we receive from Gorizont.

With the completion of the FBIS move to Reston in early 1987, we hope to be able to offer our new resource to other members of the Intelligence Community as well.

Yours,



William J. Casey
Director

The Honorable Charles Z. Wick

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10	GC				
11	IG				
12	Compt				
13	D/OLL				
14	D/PAO		X		
15	D/PERS				
16	VC/NIC				
17	D/FBIS		X (w/tape)		
18	D/SOVA		X		
19	C/PPS		X		
20	NIO/USSR		X		
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Remarks To 8: Please have tape reviewed (including by analysts) and a coordinated comment and draft response to D/USIA prepared for DCI signature.

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Executive Secretary

19 August 1986

Date

**United States
Information
Agency**

Washington, D.C. 20547

Office of the Director



August 8, 1986

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Dear Bill:

Soviet television has arrived at USIA. Programs transmitted via the Soviets' Molniya satellite system are now being received on a daily basis in the Patrick Henry Building, where the USIA's Television and Film Service is headquartered. The transmissions are also being sent to the Russian language service at the Voice of America and will soon be expanded to the main USIA building as well.

The Soviets have been transmitting television to their population by satellite since the mid 1960's. For your information, the satellites in the Molniya system, unlike most communications satellites, travel in a non-synchronous, polar orbit in order to service the northerly parts of the Soviet Union, and a highly sophisticated antenna mount is required in order to track the satellites as they shift position relative to the receiving point. The Soviets also employ a conventional series of satellites called "Ghorizont," which carry programming to Soviet bloc countries as well as to domestic audiences. Because of recent technical changes in the Ghorizont transmissions, we have encountered some delays in developing the ability to receive these broadcasts, but we hope soon to have a Ghorizont system in place along with our Molniya receiving dish.

Television programming sent over the Molniya system begins at 4:00 p.m. Washington time. Highlights from one day's broadcasts are contained on the enclosed tape.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Charles Z. Wick
Director

The Honorable
William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency